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MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN LITERARY SOCIETY CONTESTS

New Lease on Life Taken by Both the Phoenix
and the Philomathean Societies

The contests in the literary societies have been scheduled for April 17 and 24 respectively. In these contests the debaters, orators, and declaimers, who are to represent the societies on the final program in June, will be chosen. A gold medal will be awarded to the successful contestant in each case, in the two societies; then at the final meetings of these two societies the excellency men of the two societies will oppose each other for a loving cup.

The interest this year is greater than it has been for the past few years. There are a number of men who wish to represent their society and their college on the final program.

The question for debate has already been agreed upon and many are working on their debates and orations. The question is, "Resolved, That under the present conditions the Administration Ship Purchase Bill is desirable." The Philomathean contestants are: W. E. Somers, V. L. Guy, W. D. Harris, I. E. Robertson and H. W. Thorpe. Those from the Phoenix are: W. C. West, H. H. Simms, W. R. Shands, G. T. Ribble and C. A. Scott.

In the Phoenix, John W. Smith and J. P. Ingle will have a try out for first honors in oratory, while in the Philomathean Society "Cap" Wood and Paul Deering are the competitors. There are a host of declaimers in each society who feel competent to represent their society before the public. The Phoenix has three men offering themselves as declaimers, A. D. Ownby, who won first honors in improvement last year, "Baby" Dalhaus, who can declaim anything from Mary's Little Lamb to Macbeth's Tragedy, and Vernon Geddy who has a pocket full of medals that he has won on previous occasions. The Philomathean would-be declaimers are: G. L. Ferguson, "Duc" Hammell and H. H. Jones.

It will be remembered that last year the Phoenix won over the Philomatheans on the final program in all phases of the work. They wish to keep this reputation, while the Philomatheans are determined to come back strong and wreak vengeance on their enemy. The contest will be watched with interest.

WILLIAM AND MARY NINE TAKES FIRST GAME OF SEASON

Garnett strikes out ten men and gives but one hit
in six innings. Team plays errorless ball

William and Mary inaugurated the baseball season on Cary Field Saturday by a victory over the Richmond Howitzers, 5-3. The game was played in a drizzling rain and the weather was much too cold for the national pastime, and consequently the contest was one void of the spectacular.

For six innings King Garnett held the visitors to one hit, while he sent ten to the bench via the strike-out route. During this time his teammates had gathered in five runs, so Coach Draper decided to let the big boy rest and sent James to the mound. Although three runs were garnered off this youngster, he showed lots of ability and more can be expected of him before the season is over. Heflin, another new man, gives promise of developing into a short-stop of championship caliber. He has a good stand at the plate and connected for one single. He had only two chances in the field, both of which he accepted faultlessly. Page, who relieved Combs, lacks experience as a backstop but will probably develop. He was not seen at the bat Saturday but his hitting in the practice games has been of the .300 class.

With the exception of these three men the team was composed of ex-champions. Games at second was in his old form, covering acres of ground and taking in everything that came his way. Addington acquitted himself well in his new role at the initial sack. Incidentally this gentleman connected for two doubles. The rest of the line-up was that of the championship games of last season.

W. & M. SCORES IN FIRST.

With one out in the first inning Gentry singled and stole. He died waiting for aid when the next two batters fanned.

After Heflin had popped up to Anderson in William and Mary's half, Games was given a life when Anderson juggled his grounder. He promptly stole, and after Newton had walked the double steal was successfully executed. Tucker struck out, but Rothwell and Addington

doubled and Jones singled in rapid succession and four runs were shoved across. Jones stole second but Combs went out on strikes.

In the second with one gone Heflin singled through the box. He stole second, and took third while Games was being retired at first. Newton was an easy out, McCurdy to Wayne.

Tucker opened W. and M's half of the third with a single over second but died stealing. Rothwell connected for his second double and Addington was safe, when the pitcher booted his slow roller. McFarland muffed Jones' easy fly and the bases were full. Combs drew a pass, forcing Rothwell over with the fifth run. Garnett and Heflin sent up short flies to the outfield.

With Rothwell gone in the fifth Addington sent the ball to the fence for two bases and took third while Anderson tossed out Jones at first. Combs again failed to connect.

Garnett started the sixth with a single but Rothwell running for him was thrown out stealing and Heflin and Games fled out.

Newton singled to start William and Mary's half of the seventh but after Tucker had fanned was doubled up with Rothwell, —Anderson to Gentry to McCurdy. After the first the militiamen went out in order until the seventh. In this inning James opened his career at William and Mary by fanning Gentry, but when Page let the third strike get away from him the batter was safe at first. Gentry stole and scored when Anderson singled. A. H. Powell doubled to right, Anderson being held on third. Both men moved up on a passed ball, and after McCurdy had fled to Jones, Powell scored the third run for his team while Heflin retired McFarland at first. Games made a good catch of A. B. Powell's short fly to right retiring the side.

In the eighth James fanned two and Seldon popped to Games. The game was then called by mutual agreement in order to allow the visitors to catch a train.

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DR. HENRY LOUIS SMITH MAKES CONVINCING ADDRESS TO STUDENTS

Shows the Effect of Hard Study on the Success
of the College Man in After Life

Tuesday night last, the 16th, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, President of Washington and Lee University, addressed the students in the College Chapel. Dr. Smith proved a most interesting and convincing speaker, with a message that he "got across" to the audience in a telling manner.

After his introduction by Dr. L. G. Tyler, the speaker in a few words told of the pleasure afforded him by this, his first visit to William and Mary. He then launched into his subject on "The Effect of Book Learning on Prominence in after Life." Dr. Smith began by stating that America is noted for her "all-around" men, showing how facile, resourceful, and adaptable is the typical American. After stating that every man has some theory of life or "creed" that colors his life, that, in fact, moulds everything he does, thinks, and says, the speaker took a vote of the audience on a "Working Creed for the American College Man." This creed, as read by Dr. Smith, stressed all-around development as opposed to specialization in book learning, and was so cleverly worded that it fooled the audience. At any rate, the students endorsed the fallacious creed. The vote proved a most ingenious method of enforcing upon the audience the fallacy which Dr. Smith wished to bring out; that is, the idea that a college man should be an all around man—in athletics, society, literary work etc—regardless of the effect upon his book learning. Dr. Smith advocates physical training, social intercourse, etc., but he is strong for text book work, claiming that the first and real reason for the student's presence in college is the acquisition of an education, and this he insists must not be lost sight of.

With this as an introduction, the speaker jumped into his subject with both feet, bringing forth hard, cold facts to prove every assertion. To show that there is a direct relation between salary and book learning, he compared the earnings of college men with non-college men

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LIBRARY STUDY

How many of our students know how to get the good out of a library, our own or any other to which they may have access? This is a question that to us seems worthy of investigation. From observation and a little casual inquiry into the subject, we are convinced that the percentage is infinitesimal. And we feel that such a condition is far from ideal.

All great educators agree that education is not merely "fact-storing," but rather learning where to find facts and how to use them. This being true, would it not be wise to place in our curriculum a course or courses in study of the uses of a library?

Such courses are now carried on in about one-fourth of the institutions of higher education grading as colleges, and in about half the Normal schools of the country. Separate library schools have been established in five colleges, and required courses in library instruction are maintained in seven colleges. Most of these colleges are State institutions, and all of them give full credit toward graduation for courses designed to train students in the effective use of books and libraries.

Below we quote from a report made by Dr. H. R. Evans of the United States Bureau of Education, who has made a careful study of this subject:

"The best material in a library is frequently in the form of magazine articles, pamphlets and technical papers prepared by experts. Every student should be required to take some course in the handling of library tools. Such a course should not only be required but it should constitute a definite part of the work required for a degree.

"Already, it appears, elective courses in library work are offered by a number of prominent institutions of higher education, including Cornell University, the universities of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico and West Virginia and the University of Denver."

The value of these courses is so patent that further argument would be mere superfluity.

DR. MCWHORTER TO TEACH LATIN

The chair of Latin at William and Mary Summer Session will be filled by Professor Ashton W. McWhorter of Hampden-Sidney College. Dr. McWhorter took his doctor's degree in the classical languages at Johns Hopkins University. From the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, he was called to his present position at Hampden-Sidney. Dr. McWhorter has for several years been the energetic secretary of the Classical Association of Virginia and an active worker in various interests.

It is also announced by the director of the Summer Session that a new subject to be offered at Dublin this summer is International Law and Conciliation. Negotiations are under way for the securing of a distinguished teacher competent to maintain the traditional standards of the college in the subject.

LITERATURE ON THE ARMAMENT ISSUE

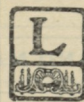
In a three-cornered debate between Cornell, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania on March 6th, on the subject, "Resolved, That in view of the present situation the United States should take immediate steps to materially increase its army and navy," the result was a tie, the negative winning in each contest. The same subject is now scheduled for debate in a number of other colleges and universities. The American League to Limit Armaments, 43 Cedar Str., New York City, has a quantity of literature on this subject which it offers to send gratis to college men upon application.

The measles has the floor at William and Mary just now. Twenty or more of the boys have been confined in the infirmary for two weeks.

CRAZY QUILT PATCHES

(BY JOOZY KORR)

LOGIC



LOGIC is an ingenious system of psychical procedure whereby all falsity may be proved true and all truth false.

Till a few years ago the patent was held by Socrates, Aristotle and Co., but now it is common property even of such celebrities as Billy Hipkins. Billy uses it for discovering the essential attributes of various objects. When Grayce Scott came to Richmond he read in the papers that she was a star. By reasoning that "all stars are heavenly bodies, Grayce Scott is a star" he was agreeably surprised to learn that, "therefore Grayce Scott is a heavenly body." This is sillygistic reasoning. A sillygism is a moody thing. It has so many moods you have a hard time getting along and for once you spout Latin: Ad hades cum logic. But you'll have to admit some of these moods are interesting. On Rear-Admiral Peary's testimony we

may say "all arctic exploration is hell," on Sherman's testimony, "all war is hell," whence we conclude that "therefore all war is arctic exploration." Another interesting discovery is that since "the devil finds some mischief still for idle hands to do" and "the hands on Botetourt's statue are idle," "therefore the devil is still finding some mischief for Botetourt's hands to do." Many will never know what becomes of the students at one o'clock every day until they apply Logic to the matter. "Some students assemble in the dining-hall to eat their dinner; when 'Red' Hall is eating dinner he is a dining Hall, therefore some students assemble in 'Red' Hall to eat their dinner." Most of us have too much ignoramite in our systems; apply Logic and acquire new knowledge of your surroundings. Many marvelous facts are yet undiscovered.

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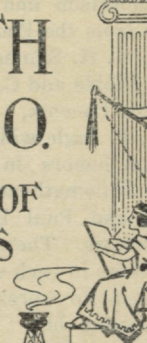
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Tucker, 3b.....	4	0	1	1	1	0
Rothwell, cf.....	4	2	2	1	0	0
Addington, 1b.....	3	1	2	8	0	0
Jones, rf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0
Combs, c.....	2	0	0	8	1	0
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McFarland, lf.....	3	0	0	2	0	1
Powell, A. B., c.....	3	0	0	5	3	0
Wayne, p, 1b, cf... 3	0	0	3	0	1	
Seldon, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0

Totals.....27 3 3 21 9 4

Two base hits---Rothwell 2, Addington 2. Sacrifice hit---Anderson. Stolen bases---Heflin, Games 2, Newton, Jones, Gentry 2. Double play---Anderson to Gentry to McCurdy. Innings pitched by Garnett 6, by James 2, by Wayne 1, by McCurdy 2, by Powell 4. Hits-off Garnett 1, off James 2. off Wayne 3, off McCurdy 3, off Powell 3. Struck out by Garnett 10, by James 3, by Wayne 2, by Powell 3. Bases on balls off Wayne 1, off McCurdy 1. Passed balls---Combs, Page 2. Umpire---Mr. Hubbard.

COMMUNICATION

Who is responsible for the absence of the loving cup won by the 1914 baseball team? Who knows where it is? When will it be on exhibition? Why it is not here now? I recall a time when I was in the library at Ashland and saw the Football cup three months after the season was over. I am not a player but I would like to see the cup.
"A Fan."

ALFRED NOYES IN RICHMOND

Alfred Noyes, the well-known English poet, who is now visiting professor of English at Princeton University, will be in Richmond on Friday night, the 26th, when he will give a reading at the Jefferson Hotel.

Quite a number of students attended the launching of the big battle ship Pennsylvania last Tuesday.

Shackelford is running dray twice a week to Magruder; Monday and Friday.

Messrs Heflin, B. R. James and Holler, of the college student-body, S. H. Hubbard, of the Academy faculty, and Misses Phelps and McGehy of the city High School assisted in the presentation of 'Bar Haven' at Toano last week.

Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, wife of the President of the College, is seriously ill in a Richmond hospital.

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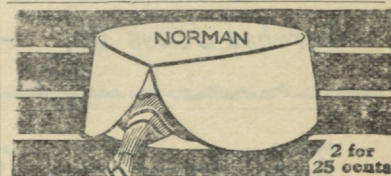
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DR. HENRY LOUIS SMITH MAKES

in manufacture and farming. Then, to show the earning power of purely "cultural" education, he compared the earnings of Technical school men with those of College and University men.

Dr. Smith next gave the results of a careful study of "Who's Who." He found that this book, giving the names of men of more than ordinary achievement, contains the name of one man out of every six thousand in the United States. From the men who have never gone to school at all, not one got into this book; from the common school men, one out of each nine thousand acquired the necessary prominence; from the high school men, one from each four hundred; and from the college men, one out of each forty. But the investigation went further, showing that among the "A" grade college men, one out of every two achieved eminence.

In conclusion, Dr. Smith said he has no use for the specialist or the "grind" who is nothing else. He believes in all-around men, but in specialized all-around men, men who know everything there is to know in their particular field, but who also know what is going on in the world around them. He said further that the specialty of the student is the development of mind—and this is the Age of Mind.

COMMUNICATION

Where were the boys Tuesday evening during the address of Dr. Smith of Washington and Lee?

The Publicity Committee went to some trouble and expense to secure this speaker. It brought him here to deliver a message to college men; but where were they? Less than one fifth of the students heard the address. It is discouraging to the committee, it is a reflection up on the institution, and not at all complimentary to the boys who preferred the dancing hall or the moving pictures to the able address by such a distinguished educator as Dr. Smith.

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